



DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE – SOUTH BEND

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I am pleased to endorse and recommend a new pro-life association in our diocese: the Apostolate of Divine Mercy in Service of Human Life. This Catholic apostolate is dedicated to the service of the Gospel of life through prayer and witness.

This newly formed apostolate is spearheading the effort to acquire and renovate a building adjacent to the abortion clinic on Ironwood Road in South Bend. I have approved their request to have an adoration chapel in the building so that the faithful can pray before the Blessed Sacrament at that location, especially for an end to abortion. I also support the apostolate's fund-raising efforts for the adoration chapel (to be called the "Divine Mercy Chapel").

Besides the Divine Mercy Chapel, the Apostolate of Divine Mercy in Service of Human Life intends to house several other pro-life organizations in its building, including an adoption agency.

It is my hope and prayer that this Apostolate, named in honor of Our Lord's great mercy, may flourish in our diocese and bear abundant good fruits for the cause of life and its sanctity. May Mary, Our Mother of Mercy, intercede for this apostolate and for all who support its noble mission!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

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